

CONSULAR REPORTS OF BIRTH ABROAD (CRBA)

Please [click here](#) to determine whether a child born abroad qualifies for U.S. citizenship.

If you determine that the child born abroad qualifies for U.S. citizenship, please follow the instructions below in order to complete the required forms, prepare the necessary documents and make an appointment at the U.S. Consulate General in Montreal.

All applicants will need to provide the following forms and documents:

- Completed [Form DS-2029](#) (50KB PDF). Please complete the form, but do NOT sign;
- Completed [Application for a Social Security Number \(Form SS-5-FS\)](#).
- Child's original civil birth certificate.
- Proof of parent's or parents' U.S. citizenship (i.e. U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization and Citizenship, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, etc.).
- Proof of identity of parents and child (i.e.: **passports regardless of nationality**).
- Parents' original civil marriage certificate.
- Termination of any previous marriages of either parent (i.e. divorce decree, death certificate, etc.) if applicable.
- Fee of US\$100.00 payable in cash (US or Canadian) or visa, master card.
- If only one parent is a U.S. citizen, evidence of his/her physical presence in the United States sufficient to transmit citizenship to the child (as indicated in http://canada.usembassy.gov/consular_services/birth-abroad.html).
- [Click here to make an appointment online](#) before you show up at the Consulate.
- All children must appear in person with the parent signing.

How you prove you were physically present will depend a lot on your situation. There is no one-size-fits-all answer. Some examples of acceptable evidence include **school transcripts**, **employment records** obtainable from Social Security Administration at www.ssa.gov, **military records**, **medical/dental records**, old passports, income tax returns, utility bills in the name of the parent. The more you can provide, the easier it will be for the consular officer to approve the CRBA. For more information, please visit http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/living/living_5497.html.

Please bring a return Canada Post Express Post envelope with you to your appointment so that we can mail your consular report of birth abroad to you when it is ready. Alternatively, you can pick it up two weeks later during our public hours.

Once you have gathered all the forms and documents, please [click here to make an appointment online](#) before you show up at the Consulate.